

PATENT  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Joseph Phillip Bigus : Date: May 16, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2164 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: H. Kazimi : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 09/238,821 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Confirmation No.: 5818 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Filed: January 28, 1999 : Rochester, MN 55901  
Title: VEHICLE-BASED ORDER ENTRY  
AND PROCESSING MECHANISM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)**

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims to read in full as follows:

- 1 1. (Three Times Amended) A method for servicing a customer, said method  
2 comprising the steps of: